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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 7

11201 Renner Boulevard
Lenexa, Kansas 66219

DILLARD HUFFMAN
CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Article No.: 7011 0470 0002 2746 8485

Mr. Richard Goode, City Manager
City of Charleston
204 North Main Street
Charleston, Missouri 63834

Re: City of Charleston Wastewater Treatment Lagoons
NPDES Permit No.: MO0120081

Dear Mr. Goode:

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Letter of Warning

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This letter is to advise you that the EPA has completed our review of the inspection report and found the following violations:

- Numerous instances of ammonia concentrations in the effluent from the wastewater treatment lagoons in excess of the permitted limits; and
- Failure to achieve the required 65 percent removal of both BOD₅ (twice) and Total Suspended Solids (five times) over a twelve month period between May 2013 and April 2014.

The City must take all appropriate actions to come into compliance with its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit, the requirements of the CWA, and the EPA's implementing regulations. The EPA inspection report described some actions that have been initiated by the City to address these violations. We suggest the City also evaluate the feasibility of installing a cover over the ammonia reactors to maintain the wastewater at a higher temperature during colder time periods to enhance ammonia removal.

Although no further follow-up action is contemplated by the EPA at this time, please note that the agency reserves its right to pursue appropriate enforcement actions, including penalties, for violations discovered as a result of this inspection.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Wayne Dillard, 913-551-7885 or dillard.wayne@epa.gov, the member of my staff most familiar with your report.

Sincerely,

Diane L. Huffman
Chief
Water Enforcement Branch

cc: Paul Dickerson, MDNR
Jackson Bostic, MDNR SERO

bcc: Peter Green, ESTD

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